



Minutes from May 19, 2025, Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held at 7:30 a.m. in person at the Sheriff's Building at the fairgrounds.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Schulz at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair: Tom Schulz
Vice Chair: Ken Berg
Secretary: Brett Dailey
Treasurer: Jerry Kern
Public Relations: Bruce Juntunen

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Admin Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Intern: Connor Adams

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to adopt the agenda with the addition of Crow Wing WBIF Agreement under TSA Update. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve last month's Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Bills Paid and Bills Payable: Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Cost Share:

Conservation Contracts P24-0302/P25-0173

P24-0302-02; David Freeman, Thomastown township, Section 23; is requesting cost share to seal an unused sand point well. The estimated cost is \$250.00, with cost share of \$187.50 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

P24-0302-03; Lloyd Lanz, Wadena township, section 18; is requesting cost share to seal an unused sand point well. The estimated cost is \$400.00, with cost share of \$300.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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8-P25-0173-01; Dale & Joey Schmitz, Leaf River township, Section 19; are requesting cost share for a grazing practice to include fence, watering facility, livestock pipeline, and heavy use protection. Estimated cost is \$33,957.50 with cost share of 25,468.13 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve using the Ranking Criteria for Soil Health applicants created by staff. Opposed: none, motion carried.

County Commissioner's Report:

- As construction begins travel to and around Wadena will be a challenge for the next two years.
- There is a ditch meeting next week.
- Budget work continues.
- Still in the process of hiring an Administrator.
- There is a land sale coming up in August.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: read by Ivan.

Other Agency Reports: none present.

Forestry Update: nothing to report.

TSA 8 Report: things are going well.

Meetings/Trainings: Area Meeting June 6, 2025 – Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve those wanting to attend the area meeting. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Minnesota Forest Resource Council Agreement – Wadena SWCD Coordinating/Contracting Plan Update

Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve signing the agreement with the DNR for MFRC (Minnesota Forest Resource Council). Opposed: none, motion carried.

Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve contracting with Houston Engineering to update the MFRC West Central Forest Landscape Plan. Oppose: none, motion carried.

MASWCD Resolutions – Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve sending the following resolutions to the Area Meeting in June. Opposed: none, motion carried.

- ◆ BWSR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF FORESTRY MANAGEMENT
- ◆ Resolution Supporting the Creation of the Sustainable Grazing Incentive Act (SGIA)
- ◆ Resolution Supporting the Implementation of Forestry CREP and Leveraging NRCS Federal Program Funding in Minnesota 1W1P
- ◆ Resolution to work with BWSR to reduce the number of Activity Categories in Workplans

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Public Comments: none.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

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